

PUBLIC BUILDING AT WASHINGTON, PA.

JANUARY 7, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILLIKEN, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1689.]

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1689) for the erection of a public building at Washington, Pa., report the same and recommend its passage.

Washington is the county seat of Washington County. It is one of the oldest and wealthiest towns in the State, being adjacent to the great oil, gas, and coal fields of western Pennsylvania, and containing many manufacturing enterprises. It is also the seat of Washington and Jefferson College, and other educational institutions; there are the Washington Female Seminary and the Trinity Hall Military School. It has electric lights and an electric street railway line; also a waterworks plant, a town hall, and many large hotels and business establishments. It is a well-built town of 12,000 inhabitants. The post-office receipts there during the year ending June 30, 1896, were \$19,906.81.

The committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments:

Strike out all of line 13 after the word "dollars."

Strike out all of lines 14 and 15.



